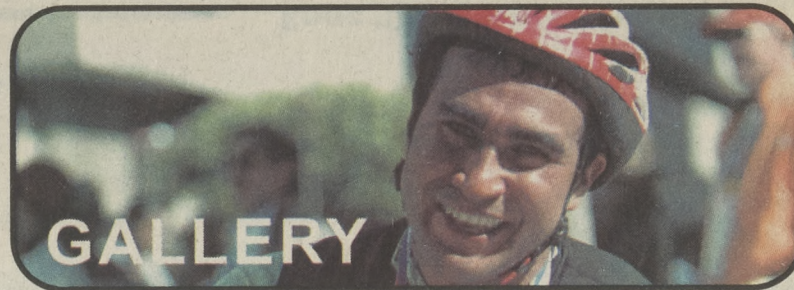


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LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE

## Students Make Efforts to Halt Budget Cuts

BY SERENA DANIELS  
STAFF WRITER



With the threat of more budget cuts looming, Valley College students and administrators are preparing a battle plan to fight further cut backs.

Students from Valley and seven southern California districts will participate in a demonstration in downtown Los Angeles and more colleges will visit Sacramento to protest budget cuts that would increase tuition and cut back on an already suffering academic program. Some of those cuts include a 14 percent decrease in classes, one less session of summer school and reduced student services in counseling, the library and materials.

"We're the step child — when you're the step child you have to consistently remind your parents how great you are so you get your parents' attention," Georgia Mercer, a

Los Angeles Community College District board member said. "We may not have the prestige of the UCs but we do have numbers. We just want to be treated equally."

Student mobilization has been effective in getting governments to listen in the past. The Associated Student Union has posted flyers, created signs and passed out post cards. They plan to attend Lobby Day in Sacramento March 18, where community colleges throughout the state will focus on the budget crisis. They will rent at least two buses and more students are encouraged to drive themselves. As many as 300 students per school will meet at the state's capitol.

"Last spring the governor proposed to cut some of the budget," Valley president Tyree Wieder said. "But community college students rallied together and people responded. One reason

See 'BUDGET' page 5

### Monarchs Break the Tape



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**VALLEY RUNNER** - Fernando Fernandez, head coach of the women's track and field team, crossed the finish line at the 18th running of the City of Los Angeles Marathon with a time of 3:25.13. SEE STORY ON PAGE 7

## Monarchs Pack Hall for Meeting

BY KRISTA CARLSON  
NEWS EDITOR

More than 300 students, faculty and staff members crowded Monarch Hall Thursday to participate in a town hall meeting to discuss the budget problems facing the California educational system.

"Getting all of you involved is the key," Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees member Georgia Mercer said, gesturing to the packed auditorium. "You're the ones who impact Sacramento because you're the ones telling the individual stories of how you've been affected, and that's what they need to keep hearing."

Some ways students are being affected include a 14 percent cut to the spring schedule, a freeze on most new supplies, the elimination of a summer session, and an up to 43 percent cut from both Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS) and Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS).

"I didn't receive money for child care or books this semester, last semester I got \$600, this semester I won't receive anything," Valley student and mother Roya Senobarbarian said.

"This is seriously affecting me because I couldn't get the English class I needed," Valley student and football player Craig Chrisholm said. "The fall sports start in August, I needed my English class before then. I wanted to go to Washington State to play football. It's serious to me because if I can't sign by the end of May I can't sign at all." Chrisholm also mentioned friends whose educational goals had been delayed.

The allocated budget for community colleges has suffered mid-year cuts of \$108 million, while cuts for CSU schools have been reduced by \$60 million and UC schools by \$74 million, even though the student to student ratio between community colleges and UCs are 15 to one, and seven to one between community colleges and CSUs. With 2.9 million students, the California community college system makes up the largest system of higher education in the world.

Outside, loudspeakers projected the meeting from Monarch Square to the cafeteria and told all who passed of the situation and the impact of the cuts on many programs. Inside, signs dotted the crowd See 'TOWN HALL' page 5

## Lean Times for Mean Gene and Co.

BY BILLIE JORDAN-OMUTA  
STAFF WRITER

From the nearly 20,000 people who roam Valley College daily, the cafeteria's food court made roughly 250 sales per day last year — and generated no profit. To recoup the loss the cafeteria incurred requires administration to dip into state funds allocated for the school's basic needs.

"Obviously, we can't keep an operation going that loses that much money," said Raul Gonzales, Associate Vice President of administrative services.

Valley's cafeteria withdrew \$289,000 from the school's general funds to pay a debt to Orion Food Systems for services provided last year.

California community colleges have historically allowed their cafeterias to operate as a service to the students, despite financial loss. Now, in synchrony with budget cuts, the district is reevaluating its cafeteria services in order to eliminate the deficit. Valley administrators are hoping to minimize loss and project breaking even this year.

Valley is locked in a contract with Orion Food Systems for three more years and will

have to continue to pay for their services per the agreement. Gonzales and his colleagues express no displeasure with Orion's service, and concur that Orion is not the problem. "We need to boost sales," Vice President of Administrative Services Tom Jacobsmeyer said. "We've increased our income so we're covering our cost at this time," Jacobsmeyer said.

Administrators are implementing a feedback card system and encourage students to tell the school what they do and don't like.

"We're here to sell the stu-

dents what they want," Jacobsmeyer said. "Eddie Peppers" is shutting down due to low sales. Administrators considered putting an Asian food stand in its place but were halted by the cost — at least \$25,000 to do the conversion. Burgers and pizzas make the most sales and the salad bar makes the least, but it's maintained for variety.

Valley's Sidewalk Café, behind the cafeteria, opened last semester to help supplement income, but there was not enough traffic and it made no money. But this experiment didn't cost the school money,

See 'CAFETERIA' page 5



BENJAMIN FAVELA / VALLEY STAR

**RECYCLING** - A worker moves a bundle of paper at the Weyerhaeuser facility.

## Valley Trashes Wasteful Ways

BY KATHY ARELLANO  
COPY EDITOR

People could construct a 12-foot-high wall from Los Angeles to New York with just the office portion of the 100 million tons of paper Americans discard, according to online sources. What's more, almost all of it's recyclable.

A paper-recycling program is up and running at Valley College, thanks to the dedication of the Associated Student

Union's Sonja Brown and her friends. A recent collaboration with Weyerhaeuser, an international forest products company with a conscience, has been a key move toward creating an environmentally conscious campus.

Pierce, Trade Tech, East Los Angeles and Mission colleges already participate in a recycling program with Weyerhaeuser.

Valley has tried recycling

in the past, but encountered difficulty with getting people to deliver the full bins to Plant Facilities.

"The paper piled up and became a problem," Brown said. "I wrote letters to all the clubs, but only the Black Student Union responded. When bottle and can recycling was attempted, people ripped off the collection bins."

Brown gives credit to See 'RECYCLE' on p. 5



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**TOWN HALL** - A sample of the 300 student crowd at the Town Hall Meeting Thursday, a few holding signs, some writing notes, many watching intently.

### LACCD Elections

Unfortunately, the results of the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees elections were not available by press deadline. Please read the story of the election returns on line at [lavalleystar.com](http://lavalleystar.com) coming soon.



## Prop. A Renovations Continue

By KRISTA CARLSON  
NEWS EDITOR

Proposition A-funded campus renovations are proceeding on schedule, according to Alix O'Brien, the project manager of the URS Corporation, who's overseeing the renovations. In the winter, the financial aid and computer science departments moved into their temporary facilities east of the campus center.

Staff at the financial aid department is happy with their new home, which has proven to be a more professional environment creating better conditions for all. Student privacy has improved, with separate offices for each staff member and front desk stations further apart. "There doesn't seem to be as many student outbursts since we've moved," staff member Lucina Contreras said.

"It was very hard for us to get our work done before because everyone was on top of each other," Contreras said. "Ergonomics are much better over here." The financial aid department will be housed in

their temporary facility until the student services building is completed.

The Environmental Impact Report is underway and will be available to the public when it's complete. Myra L. Frank and Associates Inc. is preparing the EIR, which they plan to complete in fall. One of the issues the EIR will address is the possible air pollution from traffic and earth-moving equipment that will stir dust during construction. The campus traffic and parking situation will improve, and regularly watering the dust will prevent it from becoming airborne, said Lee Lisecki, project manager for MF&A Inc.

Another concern is the amount of noise the construction will create. In addition, MF&A Inc. cited the placement of the new library in the campus quad as an issue. In addition to covering a substantial green space many students use, particularly as a free speech area, the layout of Valley stands to undergo a transformation.

"There's going to be a loss

but we'll also gain from it," student body president Samy Kbushyan said. Kbushyan describes the future library as a professional building that will enhance the learning atmosphere at Valley. "We'll gain something that will create a modern Valley."

The master plan for the campus is nearing completion and URS is in the process of implementing it, O'Brien said. URS is now overseeing the early planning phases for the new student services department, which will take over the current library after renovation and refurbishment of the administration building. The first phases of large-scale renovation won't begin until late 2006.

"Valley College is a well-kept secret and it's time for the school to expand," said Armond Agakhani, field representative for assembly member Dario Frommer and a Valley College graduate.

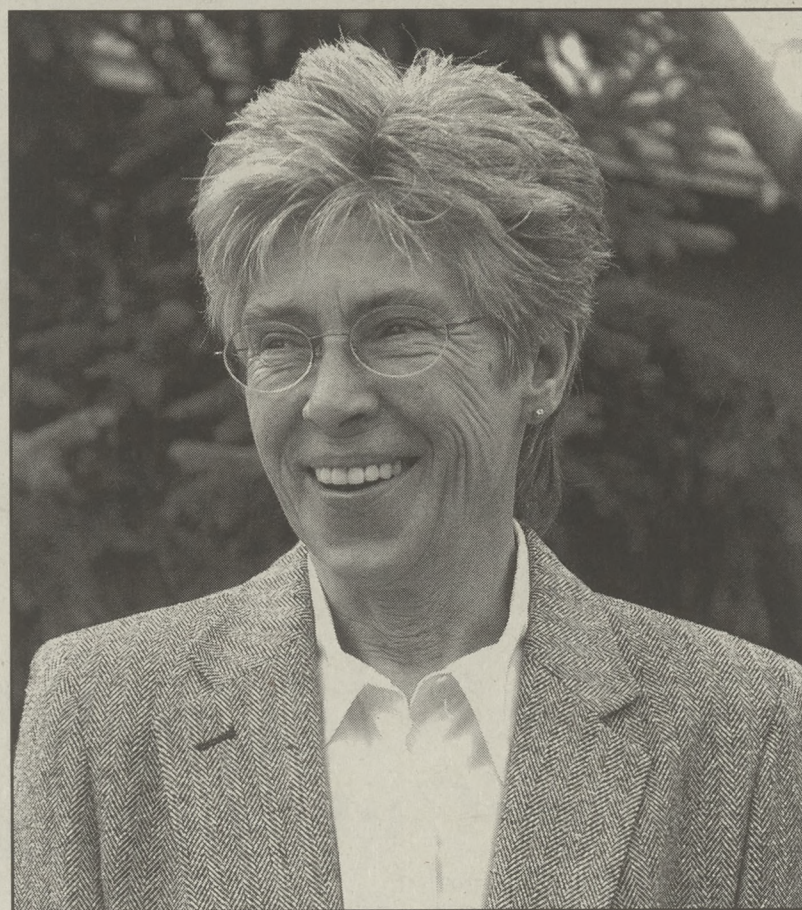
URS has completed the program for the new Media Arts building that will be north of the art building. The programs for

the library, which will sit on Monarch Square, and the Allied Health Sciences building, which will be south of the South Gym, are nearing completion, according to URS. These programs determine how many people will use the building, what type of facilities the building will house, how many rooms, and what the adjacencies will be.

URS has selected an architectural firm to design the new plant facilities building which will be north of the softball field.

Although some are concerned with the preservation of green space on campus, Amy Jane Frater of tBP/Architecture tells of a functional, green campus. "The objective is to make the outside part of the campus work as hard as the inside," said Frater. "The idea is to site the buildings where no trees will be affected." She added that there would be many new pedestrian walkways and "intimate" outdoor seating areas.

*Editor-in-chief Ben Jauron contributed to this report.*



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**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS** - Carlie Tronto replaced A. Susan Carleo as Vice President of Academic Affairs

## Tronto Named New VP of Academic Affairs

By ALEJANDRO GUZMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Even though Carlie Tronto grew up in a small town during fairly simple times, graduating with 186 others from her high school class, she understands all the pressures that face today's students.

"Students have the challenge of the drug culture," Tronto said, "and must live on a paycheck to paycheck basis".

Tronto, 58, is a slim, 5' 4" woman with short, gray hair. She wears glasses, a business coat over a neatly pressed blouse, combined with a pair of slacks. Any student meeting her for the first time will quickly realize she sincerely cares about student needs, and is willing to do everything in her power to help each individual.

Recently appointed as acting vice president of academic affairs, Tronto, a former dean, replaced A. Susan Carleo who left Valley College for the district office in December.

"As vice president of academic affairs, she has the task of providing educational leadership for the program," Valley president Dr. Tyree Wieder said. "She must deal with time demands and with several personalities."

Tronto talked about her goals. "I want academic affairs to work as a support unit for students." She wants to enable students to overcome obstacles and hopes to gain more support and better communication from the department faculty chairs.

Tronto was born and raised in Peekskill, N.Y. While attending the University of Bridgeport, Conn., she realized she'd grown up sheltered from the world around her. "College was a time to broaden my horizons," Tronto said. She decided she wanted to help others accomplish their goals.

Before coming to Valley in 1996, she worked at a high school in Long Island, N.Y. She decided to take a year's vacation in 1972 and visit Santa Barbara. She didn't want to go back. She fell in love with California and, in 1973, packed her things and moved west.

She worked at Mission College for four years as dean of academic affairs before coming to Valley. She said her job is rewarding, and truly understands how academic affairs can help better the student's lives.

"The staff is capable, and the faculty really does care about the students," Tronto said.

## Smokers' Rights Snubbed Out

By JACKIE CONLEY  
STAFF WRITER

The Valley College Council recently passed a no-smoking ordinance that will force people to smoke only in designated areas on campus.

The ordinance the Smoking Policy Subcommittee proposed six months ago, with the help of the Work and Space Committee, might have smokers out of breath by the time they reach one of the 12 designated smoking zones around campus. School officials plan to have maps and ash cans with signs on campus by the summer session to ensure students abide by the existing smoking policy.

"That's horrible! I'm outside!" student Andree Mansoura said. A smoker since 16, Andree is one of many students who smoke on campus during breaks. "Does that mean that I have to walk across campus to smoke? By the time I get there, well, there goes my

break. If they ban smoking I'm going to leave Valley."

"I'm happy to get this policy started, it's been an uphill battle," said student Joseph Ramos, a Health Educator with the Tobacco Intervention Program for Students (T.I.P.S.). He said students and employees are all affected by second-hand smoke, especially those with respiratory conditions such as asthma and lung infections.

Second-hand smoke causes more than 40,000 deaths in the United States annually, according to the Center for Disease Control. Three thousand of these deaths are from lung cancer, according to the U. S. Environmental Agency.

Campus security has issued written citations near vending machines, after receiving several complaints, according to Deputy Randy Tuinstra, head of campus security. Because of the lack of notification of the designated areas, first-time violators will be warned and their names will be kept on file.

Multiple offenders will receive a citation and face a fine under the city municipal code for smoking in a non-smoking area.

"That's like segregation," student John Samuel said. "I understand the affects of second hand smoke. If you don't want me to smoke next to you, that's fine, I respect that. I'm not going to blow the smoke in your face."

Valley is one of several colleges in California to take part in the smoke-free movement. Universities like Cal State Northridge are trying to prohibit smoking around the outdoor areas within 20 feet of building's main entrances and exits.

"We look at Valley College as a big sister to the other community colleges in the area, to set an example," T.I.P.S. project coordinator Red Manalo said. "Ultimately we would like schools to be smoke-free environments like UC Berkeley. This is just one small step toward that goal."

**SEE GRAPHIC ON PAGE 7**

## Student Workers at Risk

By IVY DAI  
STAFF WRITER

Student worker positions risk being cut due to the ongoing budget crisis. Gov. Gray Davis' 2003-04 budget proposal for California community colleges will drastically affect Valley College. There will be up to 43 percent cuts to several of Valley's programs.

Student workers are the top priority of programs to keep during the current budget cuts. "We're cutting things — equipment, supplies, deferring maintenance and building repairs, so that we won't cut student workers," said Yasmin Delahoussaye, vice president of student services.

Budget cuts have already affected students in Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS). This year, the EOPS budget has been cut 10 percent. EOPS student assistant salaries have dropped from \$8.09 to \$6.75 — minimum wage. Work hours have been cut as well.

"I expect no student workers for next year," EOPS director Doris Richardson said. "I've already told students to find new jobs come next semester."

In addition, the book grants EOPS issues have been reduced more than 50 percent, from \$270 to \$125 per student. EOPS accepted 200 students this year as opposed to 600 students last year.

Federal law mandates EOPS to recruit from disadvantaged communities, however, budget cuts prevent hiring an outreach coordinator and accepting new students.

"Community colleges are traditionally the 'poor man's education,'" Associated Student Union parliamentarian Jessica Salazar said. "The state doesn't realize that the budget cuts are cutting off education to underrepresented communities."

Salazar is also a student worker for the Freshman-Sophomore program, and will be affected by the budget cuts. "It is completely unfair," Salazar said. "I love my job." Salazar said Valley has given her the opportunity to develop her leadership skills through athletics, student government and student jobs. She's strong and confident that she'll be successful when she transfers to UCLA because of her experiences at Valley.

Educational opportunities open to Salazar now may not be available in for students in the future. "We were asked to give back \$5.5 million of our budget for this year, however, UC and Cal State schools were allotted more money. The budget cuts reflect how the state thinks of the importance of community colleges," Delahoussaye said.

"Our fingers are crossed — we don't know what's going to happen come next July, but the best thing we can do is fight back and have our voices heard," Delahoussaye added. She urges students to send postcards to the governor's office and participate in upcoming rallies in Sacramento and downtown Los Angeles. Postcards are available in the ASU office, Campus Center room 102.

## From the Blotter: Indecent Exposure

By RYAN YUDELL  
STAFF WRITER

A sex criminal evades arrest by beating it before sheriffs arrive, and petty thefts are down but never quite out as two students lose property at Valley.

A less-than-impressive pervert is still at large after exposing himself to a Valley student Feb. 25.

A female student said she saw a man wearing a black beanie, black pants and a black long-sleeved shirt masturbating around 8:30 p.m. in lot E. She was parked about 20 feet away from the suspect, according to the Sheriff's report.

After leaving the scene to tell security, the victim was unable to give the suspect's physical description and said she wouldn't be able to point him out if she saw him again, the report said.

Campus security issued an all-units alert, but the perpetrator was long gone.

This was the third reported case of indecent exposure on campus in the past year. The last case reported to campus security occurred on Dec. 10, 2002.

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A red Trek mountain bike, valued at \$291, was stolen Feb. 19. The bike, which was secured to a light pole west of the art building, was taken between 12:45 and 4:50 p.m., according to campus security.

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The passenger mirror of a student's Toyota Camry was stolen in lot A between 12:15 and 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 18. There was no broken glass at the scene and no forced entry to the car, according to campus security.

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## Correction

Due to an editorial error in last week's issue, the Valley Star would like to make a correction. Political Science professor and Korean War veteran Dr. Pritchard's first name is Robert, not Richard.



# OPINION

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STAFF EDITORIAL

## The Valley Vacuum

Right now much of the country is taking a stand against the impending war with Iraq, saying everything from war itself is archaic to the United States shouldn't take military action without the United Nation's endorsement.

Many others support the administration, saying everything from Saddam Hussein will attack America and its allies unless he's stopped, to we need to seize Iraqi oil fields, so I can keep driving my kid to soccer practice in my SUV.

But at this little slice of Americana we call Valley College, some students think Trent Lott is a Senator from California, Dick Riordan is Los Angeles' Mayor and "that white guy" is their district's representa-

tive in the City Council.

How many Valley students do you think voted in the election yesterday?

In a survey of 50 students about half were registered to vote, of those, only nine said they did. Here are some reasons.

"I'm from the hood. I don't follow anything."

"I don't think Valley should pass an anti-war resolution, but I don't want my boys going over there and getting killed."

"I believe what I'm told by our government."

"We're gonna get bombed by Korea anyway, so who cares?"

This is the mentality that places us in harm's way.

Other campuses like CSUN have adopted an anti-war resolu-

tion. Students and faculty hold a vigil every Wednesday to voice their opposition to the war.

"We've lost professors and students as part of the roundup," Mary Ann Levine, vice president of the Cal-State Anti War Coalition said. "Tuition has been raised 35 percent over the last two quarters. We need to stand up. We have to do what we have to do and not take this sitting down."

It doesn't matter what your political views are — whether you're a democrat, republican, green party or nazi — for democracy and representative government to function, everyone must be politically knowledgeable and ready to get active when the need arises.

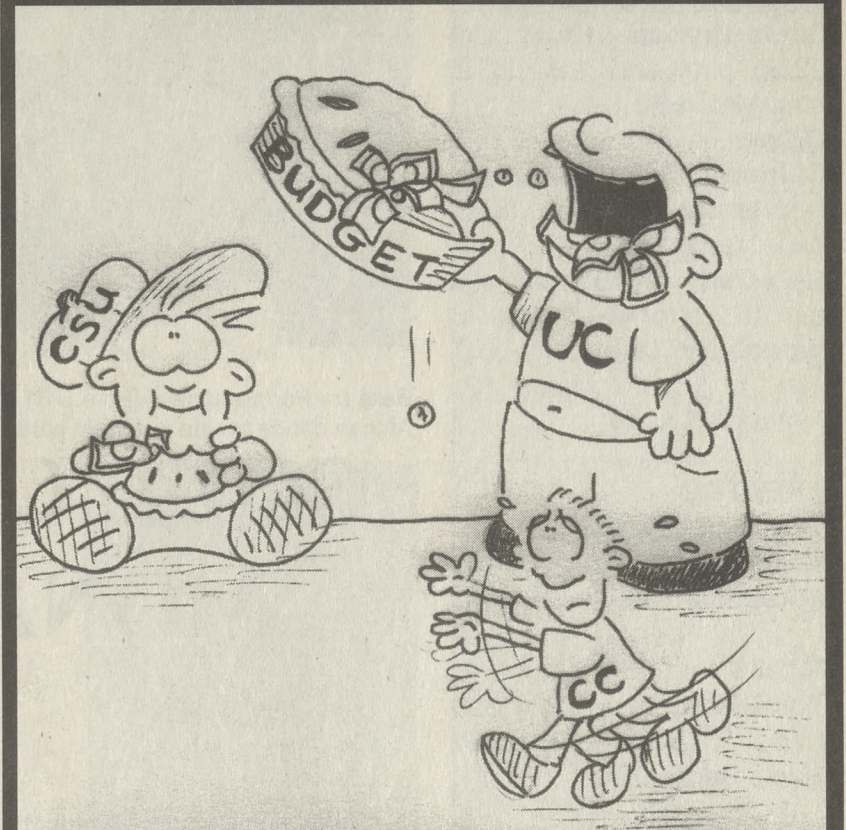
If you're against the war, or

the budget cuts, or high gas prices, or the metric system, you must educate yourself as to who your elected officials are, what they stand for and when the time comes so you can vote them out of office. And even if you have no problem with the state of the your world, it's equally important to be knowledgeable or else the muckrakers who want to change things will eventually get their way.

Regardless, all politics start on the local, grassroots level. It's not enough to love or hate George Bush, Dick Cheney and Colin Powell. It's at least as important to love or hate Wendy Greuel, Dennis Zine, Cindy Monattez and Howard Berman.

But you should at least know who those people are.

## Please Sir, May I Have Some More?



CARTOON BY TIFFANY FARNAKIS

AN OPINION

## What Are You Doing in School Today?

By JACQUI BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

"OK, three, two, one, 12 p.m., let's go."  
"Where we going?"  
"We're walking out protesting the war."  
"We are?"  
"Yeah, today's the day. You know, 'Books Not Bombs.'"  
"Today?"  
"Yeah, March 5th. The National Youth and Student Coalition picked this day for a national one day student strike."  
"Never heard of them."  
"They formed right after 9/11 because they knew that the U.S. would be bent on revenge."  
"Hi guys."  
"Hey are you walking out with us?"  
"Are we walking out today?"  
"Yeah."  
"Is this another budget thing?"

"No, we're protesting the war"  
"We are?"  
"Yeah it's March 5th."  
"Oh. Do we have a bullhorn?"  
"No."  
"Do we need one?"  
"No. It's supposed to be about peace and organization."  
"But I've never used a bullhorn before."  
"We don't need it."  
"Maybe we should get some tie-dyed t-shirts with peace signs on them."  
"Maybe we should smoke a joint like they did in the 60s."  
"Nah. I might forget why I was walking out."  
"I can't walk out. I have class."  
"That's the point."  
"What's the point?"  
"Federal funds."  
"Are we back to the budget crisis?"  
"Okay, it's kind of about

the budget."  
"How's that? I thought it was about war... and peace."  
"Well, the war costs like a gazillion dollars right?"  
"What's that got to do with the budget?"  
"Where do you think the money's going?"  
"I don't know."  
"Bombs!"  
"Bombs?"  
"They cost a lot of money and we need like a gazillion of them."  
"Oh yeah."  
"Sure I don't need a bullhorn, my voice isn't that powerful?"  
"Walk out today. That's what makes your voice powerful."  
"How's that?"  
"Because we make a statement by walking out and holding a peaceful assembly."  
"No yelling, no picket signs, no police tape?"

"It's not that kind of message."  
"How come no one knows about it?"  
"No posters."  
"No bullhorn, if you ask me."  
"The police detained the lady trying to hand out posters over by Grant High School."  
"Are they walking out?"  
"Only after they finish their Exit exams. Then they can have a sit in."  
"Cool. I wonder if they'll wear tie-dye?"  
"Do you think they'll notice three of us walking out?"  
"I still think the bullhorn would help."  
"Hey there's somebody."  
"Hey, you wanna walkout with us?"  
"Is this a budget thing?"  
"No, we're protesting the war."  
"Oh. No thanks, I'm going to lunch."

AN OPINION

## I Can't Hear You

By JACQUI BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

More than 300 people attended the town hall meeting Thursday to discuss the budget cuts. I use the word 'discuss' lightly because the only people talking were those on stage. Where were the microphones so students and faculty could voice how they felt and ask questions? Why was the one student who stood before the stage shushed from the podium trying to ask a question. Shushed from the podium? What's the point of a Town Hall meeting?

After being asked not to speak, Valley College student Pat Kimbrough stood quietly and watched as the meeting proceeded.

"This is all lip service," Kimbrough said after the meeting. I have to agree that. What we heard is the same thing we've been hearing all along.

We know there are big cuts. We know the money is being siphoned off to other critical issues. We know tuition will be raised. We know we have to fight everyone on this. We know we have to send a message to the government, that they can't use our educational allotment of money to fund a war no one wants. Talk is cheap. Ask yourselves this: did you hear any solutions?

When I asked several students why they came to the meeting, they shrugged their shoulders and told me their teachers made them. Would they have come on their own? Probably not. Why? Because they feel their voices aren't heard anyway.

Let's not forget the little yellow cards that Associated Student Union members handed out at the beginning of the meeting. These were to write your questions on. Many were left blank. Why, you ask? Because most students didn't know what to ask. I have to wonder, are they really paying attention to what's happening? To how expensive textbooks have become? To the fact they may have to enroll at several different campuses in order to fulfill their credit requirements after Valley disbands courses?

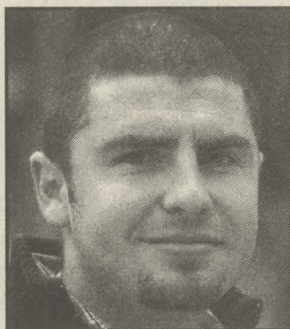
They know what they know and they just want someone else to fix it, leaving them free and clear to whine some more on how mistreated and ripped off they're feeling. Hell, most walked out before the questions were presented to the panel. It was the shortest question and answer debate I've ever seen.

What does it take to make students understand that, if they want an education in today's world, they need to take a stand - fight like hell, kick and scream - until they're heard loud and clear. Getting a good education is their civil right. Nobody said it would be easy. Nothing good ever is.

## Campus View

### Are you doing anything to prevent the war?

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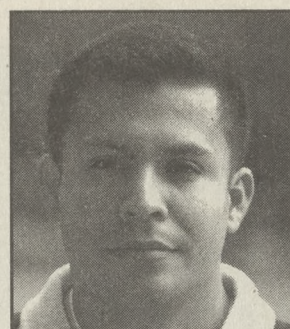
"I want war to happen."

Robert Hertz



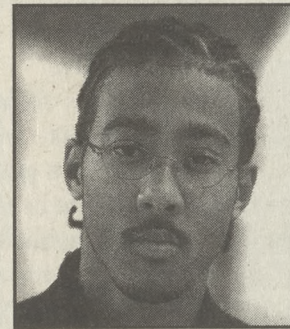
"I'm participating in rallies."

Joy Batty



"I'm in the National Guard and ready to defend my country and ready for the call."

Jose Gonzalez



"I'm trying to restore peace and order and there's shelter for all women at my house."

Mike Brown

### Letter from the editor

The Valley Star received only one publishable letter to the editor this week. We appreciate all letters to the editor and encourage you to write us a message at thevalleystar@yahoo.com or hand-deliver to Business/Journalism room 114. We'll publish legitimate criticism faster than praise. Please keep your letters brief and to the point and include your telephone number or extension.

### Letter to the Editor

Congratulations on a very good first issue of the semester ... Good topics - relevant and comprehensive good layout - and I assume Good proofreading. I'm looking forward to more of the same - and looking for information on the many ASU and/or club activities on campus.

Nancy Wedeen, Instructor  
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## Campus Scene

### UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES

**California State University Northridge**-10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. March 10; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 17  
**University of California Santa Barbara**- 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 2 p.m. March 8  
**Other**  
**California Lutheran University**- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 18  
**University of Judaism**- 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 19  
**Woodbury University**- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 19, Monarch Square

### THEATRE

**The Stanway Case** 8 p.m. March 7-9, and 14-16, Horseshoe Theatre.

### MUSIC

**Yumi Man**, 15-year-old violinist, 11:30 a.m. March 6, Music Recital Hall.

### PLANETARIUM

**ET- The Real Search**, 8 p.m. March 7, Planetarium; admission charge.

### EVENTS

**24th Annual Job Fair**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 19, Monarch Square

### CLUB EVENTS

#### Psychology Club

Guest Speaker- Dr. Carl King of LAVC Student Psychological Services, 2:30 p.m. March 6



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**Beat It** - Percussionists (from L-R) Michael Spears, Jai Jae Kabasa, Kenyatta Poole of the Kabasa West African dance troupe entertain students on Black Heritage day on Feb. 26.

## SOUL CELEBRATION IN MONARCH SQUARE

BY IVY DAI  
STAFF WRITER

The Associated Student Union kicked off its first Club Day Feb. 26 with some soul in Monarch Square. In conjunction with the Black Heritage celebration, 50 students enjoyed live entertainment and soul food from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. while exploring new campus clubs to join.

The highlight of the day was a live performance by the Kabasa West African Drumming Ensemble. The spirited five-member group of drummers and dancers pulled students from the audience to join them.

"All the roots of your dance

music come from here," the dance ensemble's leader JaiJae Kabasa said. Kabasa quoted Marcus Garvey, leader of the first Black Nationalist movement in the early 1900s, and said, "A man without knowledge of his history is like a tree without roots." So our job is to bring the roots to the youth.

"I feel more in tune with my culture by participating. Just doing a little something like that makes such a difference," first year Black Student Union member Tony Ross said. "We need more participation from black students on campus. I feel certain groups on campus, sub-culturally, have better advantages and more opportunities than black students do."

"When you plant a seed and put water on it, it grows. The only difference between us is our color, and don't let it stop you," student Kameron Fields said, sharing his interpretation of messageKabasa's.

BSU president Sheretta Thomas named off the traditional dishes being offered. "Macaroni and cheese, collard greens, cornbread, peach cobbler, fried chicken and sock-it-to-me cake." It was an exciting sampling of soul food.

Club Day gave students of all ethnic groups the opportunity to browse through a club that might help them serve their community and find their niche on campus.



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**Working Away** - Nydia Gasperi, ASU secretary, is working hard for the students here at Valley College.

## Campus Center Resources

BY BILLIE JORDAN-OMUTA  
STAFF WRITER

In the south corner of the Campus Center building sits Monarch Hall, framed and shadowed by billowy trees. This L shaped hallway, named after the auditorium, makes its own special magic. And knowing your way around this hall may save your day.

The Campus Center is the latest brick addition to the college. Legend has it the Associated Student Union contributed the building to the school three decades ago. A suite, Campus Center room 102, was dedicated to the ASU for their accomplishment.

"Students need to know we have lots more stuff to offer than classes," Sherri Rodriguez, asso-

ciate dean of student services said.

Many of the school's movers and shakers roam Monarch Hall. This group of faculty, staff volunteers and students dedicate themselves to the responsibility of accommodating campus life for Valley students by operating the offices of Monarch Hall.

### The Offices Of Monarch Hall

#### Administrative office of the Vice President

This is an office where you generally don't want to be sent. Though, ironically, many students love to go there. "We bend over backwards to help students," Vice President of Student Services Yasmin Delahoussaye said. Students go to Campus Center room 100A for help with books, advice, financial aid, and a number of other concerns. "Ninety-nine percent of the time this office is able to help meet their needs. I think administration should think yes instead of

### no when it comes to students." Disabled Students Programs and Services

This office is not just for the physically disabled, but also for people who are having a hard time retaining information and making good grades. The department encourages students, who think they just may need a little extra help, to visit Campus Center room 100. "We are there to remove whatever hurdles and barriers are in the students' path so they can get through Valley College as quickly as possible," Delahoussaye said.

#### Compliance Office

This office handles formal complaints of students who believe they've received a grade due to wrongful treatment or discrimination from their instructor. If you find yourself with an uncomfortable issue that you've tried to resolve but can't, see Kay Devine in Campus Center room 108. "If teachers haven't done anything wrong they shouldn't feel threatened, however, if there's some conflict we can use it as an opportunity to grow," Devine said. "I'd like to let the students know I'm here." There are laws in place to protect students from retaliation.

#### Office of the Associated Student Union

Here you can find members of student government. The executive council members and commissioners are representatives of the student body. They make decisions and plan events based on student interest and demand. Visit the officers to express your concerns regarding campus matters in Campus Center room 102.

The leaders in Monarch Hall encourage you to roam the hall freely and get to know your fellow monarchs and comrades in service.

## Dial 818 for Valley Rock

BY CHRISTINA GRATE  
STAFF WRITER

Lurking around Valley College is a trio of students on the brink of stardom.

Eight-One-Eight is known as the world's first "sloshy-punk" band. The group coined

## Bruins Are Here to Help Students

BY CHRISTINA GRATE  
STAFF WRITER

Nestled in the far-north corner of Valley College's administration building is the Transfer Center. And far more concealed than the office space it's using is the UCLA Peer Advisor program.

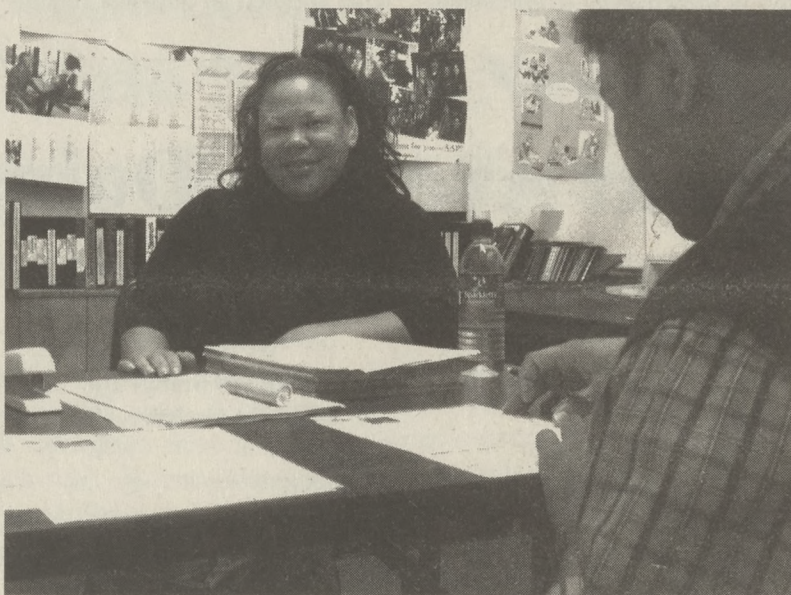
This "student friendly" program is for everyone interested in transferring to the UC system. The program offers individual attention to student questions regarding what each major will lead to in the work place and advice about which UC schools to attend. The program advisers, who are in touch with UC representatives, organize field trips to UC campuses and arrange events at Valley.

"This program helps to open students eyes. There are more choices out there than the Cal State system," said Franklin Montiel, a peer adviser.

The main goal of the program is to show students that anyone who maintains a reasonable grade point average can get into the UC system. "We're walking witnesses of the possibilities," said Caprice Terry, one of the three peer advisers. All the advisers are former Valley students, giving them some insight into how fellow students feel towards higher education.

Many students don't know about this service because the people involved in the program don't promote themselves - they're just here to help the students.

"I enjoy having the opportunity to let students know that there's a place on the UC campus for them," Terry said.



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**UCLA Peer Advisors**- UCLA peer advisor Caprice Terry is here to help Valley students with questions about transferring.

the term "sloshy-punk" because doors to their appearance at the "we received so many com Key Club.

plaints of hearing 'pop' and 'punk' in the same sentence," lead singer Joel Trudgeon said.

When 818 isn't playing a local gig, they can be seen here on campus. Bassist Joshua Ecton works in the Lion's Den, and Trudgeon is the student recruitment coordinator.

Trudgen and Ecton formed the band in 1999. After a year of practice without a drummer, they were joined by Robert Garrett.

Valley was home to 818's first major performance in front of 500 high school students. This performance opened the

"The unique mix of teen angst, heartbreak and odes to dorkdom have made us a favorite on the college circuit and at local Southern Californian venues," the band said.

The group recently signed with Dishwater Records, an independent label based in Minnesota. Their debut album, "Back To Resource," is in stores now.

Eight-One-Eight will tour the west coast and midwest this summer. You can get more information about the band at: [www.eight-one-eight.com](http://www.eight-one-eight.com).

## For Love of a Child...

BY JACQUI BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

I anticipated my father's passing for many years and thought I'd made peace with our difficult relationship, but when he died last month, memories, regrets and tears came surprisingly fast. I suppose tears are natural with the passing of anyone's parent, but in my heart, I know the ones I cried were not for what we had but for what we missed.

My sisters were at his side during his last few days, and they called me a few hours before he went so I could make my peace with him. When they put the phone to his ear so I could say goodbye, I realized parenting is not a perfect science, we all make mistakes and we do the best job we know how. I wanted to say so many things in that moment, to thank him for everything he taught me - like how I could change the future and be a better person - but the words wouldn't come. I told him

I loved him and that all his angels were right there in the room with him, that we would all be OK and he could go home now.

He was raised in a different era, where men worked hard, disciplined hard and their children's good behavior was their reward. He thought might was right and that's what we went along with. It's a shame to lose what you thought would be the dream, the family you created, by actions chosen in fits of temper. Actions learned and passed from generation to generation, but in having this example set early my sisters and I learned to be gentler and kinder, and that was the gift he gave us through his careless actions.

He made us much better parents, and maybe that was the only reason he graced this earth. He came into this world empty, but left his legacy by raising four strong, kind-hearted children who grew up to be loving parents. Perhaps the chain was meant to be broken this way, and even though he was never able to cross to that kinder way for us, he was the teacher who gave us this for our own children.

I wonder how my children will remember me when I'm gone. Will I have done enough

for them? Will they always remember how much I loved them? Did I tell them enough times how proud of them I was when they overcame challenges? Have I left them enough good memories? Do they know that I want to leave this world a better place than how I found it?

I realize life gets in the way sometimes and we forget to take moments to let our children see just how special they are to us. Maybe it's a look, or a smile, or a hug. Maybe it's carving out a few moments just to enjoy each other's company. Maybe it's sitting quietly, listening to them tell you about their day. Growing up in these times is difficult and giving them a safe haven to voice their thoughts or problems is a gift we can give them. This is what you sign up for when you decide to have children.

So please, take the time to allow your heart to stay open to your children. Make them feel special and it will come back to you tenfold. Make sure they know they're loved and can always count on you to be there, no matter what. Take the time today to tell them you love them because these are the people, the angels, who will be holding your hand when it's your time to go home.



## ‘Budget’ *continued from page 1*

that government officials don’t respond is that they don’t hear from us.”

Colleges from the Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Pasadena, El Camino, Rio Hondo, Glendale and Orange County districts will attend a rally and demonstration in Pershing Square March 28. The march to the governor’s Los Angeles office is in protest of the unequal budget cuts to community colleges.

The budget for community colleges has been disproportionately cut. UC’s and CSU’s have suffered losses as well, but not nearly as much as community colleges. While UC’s took losses of \$74 million and CSU’s \$60 million, community colleges suffered losses of more than \$100 million. According to Salazar, 2.9 million students attend community college, 407,000 attend CSU’s and 192,000 at UC’s.

“Right now we’re looking for speakers to represent Valley,” Jessica Salazar, ASU parliamentarian said. “We’ll hold auditions March 14 from 10-10:30 a.m. Those who want to participate must present a three minute speech to the ASU.”

The AFT, a local teachers’ union, has been passing green postcards around campus. The postcards will be sent out to legislators in Sacramento. Students are suggested to fill out four cards, one for the governor’s office and other legislators.

More than 300 students and

faculty gathered Thursday in Monarch Hall for a Town Hall meeting to discuss the current situation and question government officials. Those on the panel included Donald Brewster, a field representative for Sen. Jack Scott (D-Pasadena), Board trustee Georgia Mercer, and Wieder.

The governor’s proposal to raise tuition to \$24 a unit could force as many as 125,000 students throughout California out of school or severely slow their progress, according to Brewster. The current budget for California community colleges is \$180 million as opposed to \$288 million last year.

“It’s ridiculous,” Mercer said. “If you raise the fees, you lose the students. It simply washes out any hope of balancing the budget.”

“When Gov. Davis ran for election in 1998, he ran on education, education, education,” Brewster said. “But what he really meant was K through 12. So what’s happening is that community colleges are competing with elementary and high school.”

“The governor needs to hear your voice. Call, write, attend rallies, and talk to the business community — anything to get your point across,” said Brewster. “The number for the Governor’s Sacramento office is (916) 445-2841 and his Los Angeles office is (213) 897-0332.”



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## ‘Recycle’ *continued from page 1*

Valley President Tyree Wieder, who gave the final push needed to get this program started, and plant facilities general foreman Jose Ornela, who distributed collection bins and managed the dumpsters. Brown also appreciates the help of Suzanne Pollard, sourcing representative for Weyerhaeuser.

“The response has been very positive,” Brown said. “Three-fourths of the department chairs have requested bins. Biology asked for 15.”

Brown has orchestrated a simple but effective paper reclamation program from her tiny office. It will remove approximately 2 tons of recyclable office-grade paper from dumpsters per month and eliminate the need to pay an outside contractor to haul excess trash.

“In the past, paper would be put into compactors,” Brown said. “They’d fill up very quickly and have to be emptied frequently, which costs money. Weyerhaeuser is providing a free haul-away service right now, which saves Valley quite a bit of money.”

## Correction

Due to an editorial error in last week’s issue, the Valley Star would like to make a correction.

The ‘Vagina: Monologues’ presentation that took place on campus recently was produced by the Valley Collegiate Players and not the theatre arts department.

We’re also happy to report that the correct amount donated to the charitable organizations as a result of the event was estimated between \$900 and \$2,000, not \$750 as stated in the article.

## ‘Town Hall’ *continued from page 1*

reading, “Don’t steal my future” and “No ifs, no buts, no fees, no cuts!”

Mercer criticized the cuts, saying the revenue the college puts out will diminish. “To diminish us just keeps the economy rolling downward,” she added.

Associated Student Union parliamentarian and master of ceremonies Jessica Salazar urged action. “There are steps you can take as young people to protect your education,” Salazar said.

“I’m here to make sure I’m able to hear your voice,” added Donald Brewster, field representative for Senator Jack Scott (D-Pasadena). Brewster said the senator’s concern for California’s community colleges stemmed from his nine years as president of Pasadena City

College.

“Personally, I don’t believe the Governor understands, to the degree that the Senator does, the situation with the community colleges,” Brewster said. Write him, call him, let him know where you stand.”

Scott is the new chair of the senate budget committee and hopes to put his experience in the college community to good use. “Senator Scott will be looking to be sure we have proportionality with relation to the CSUs and UCs,” Brewster said.

“We have no better advocate in Sacramento than Senator Jack Scott,” Mercer added. “He has the respect of his colleagues and years of understanding, passion, and commitment.”

Student body president Sam Kbushyan, disabled student rep-

resentative Cecil Ingram and students in the audience posed questions that focused on how the cuts would affect specific programs at Valley. The question of reallocating Proposition-A funds for campus renovations also came up.

“Enrollment for Valley is currently at 23,000,” Valley President Tyree Wieder said. “We don’t have enough space to accommodate that now.” By 2010, enrollment at California community colleges is expected to increase by 400,000 to 600,000, she said.

There were several questions regarding the future of EOPS and DSPS. Many changes in these programs have already taken place. Textbook grants used to cover all students’ books — this year only one book per a participating student will be paid for. Brewster suggested students direct these questions to Davis.

Students expressed concerns, upset about the cuts and worried about the future of their education.

Wieder advises students to prepare for longer lines and muster the patience. “We still want to make those services available for students who need them.”

Scott proposed to increase funding for Board of Governors Fee Waivers to make up for the fee increase. The CalWORKS program will remain with moderate changes.

International students may incur a tuition increase in 2003-04.

The first summer session of 2003 has been eliminated, which will save \$560,000 of the \$1.2 million Valley has to return to the state. The second session will have 5 to 10 percent fewer classes compared to last years.

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## ‘Cafeteria’

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according to Jacobsmeier. Now the Café is on the sidewalk near the tennis courts.

The main cafeteria will cut its operational hours, and the cost of some food items may increase, but employees’ salaries will remain the same. Cafeteria workers salaries average \$15.00 per hour plus benefits.

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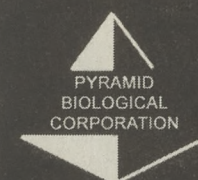
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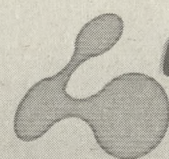


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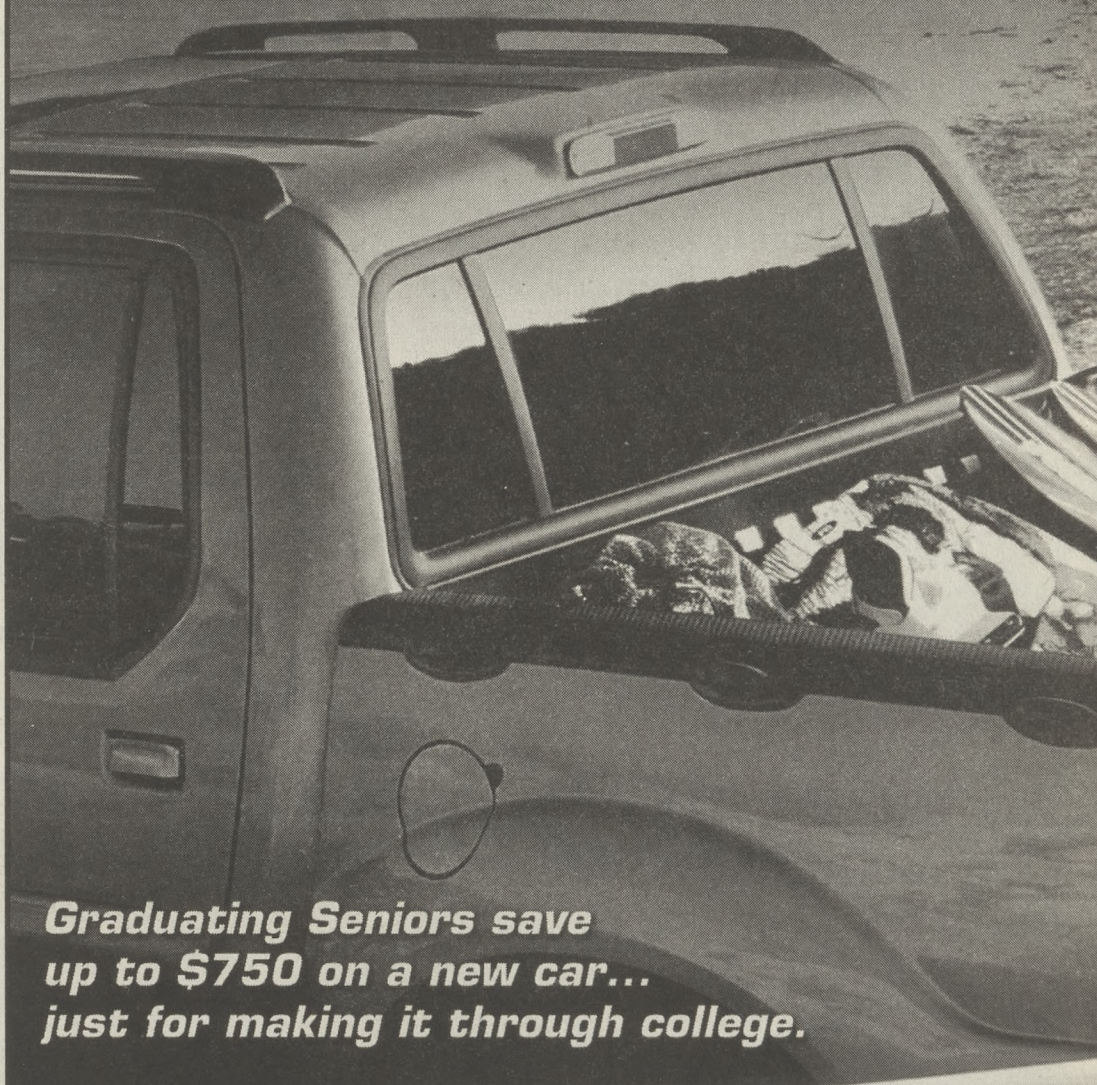
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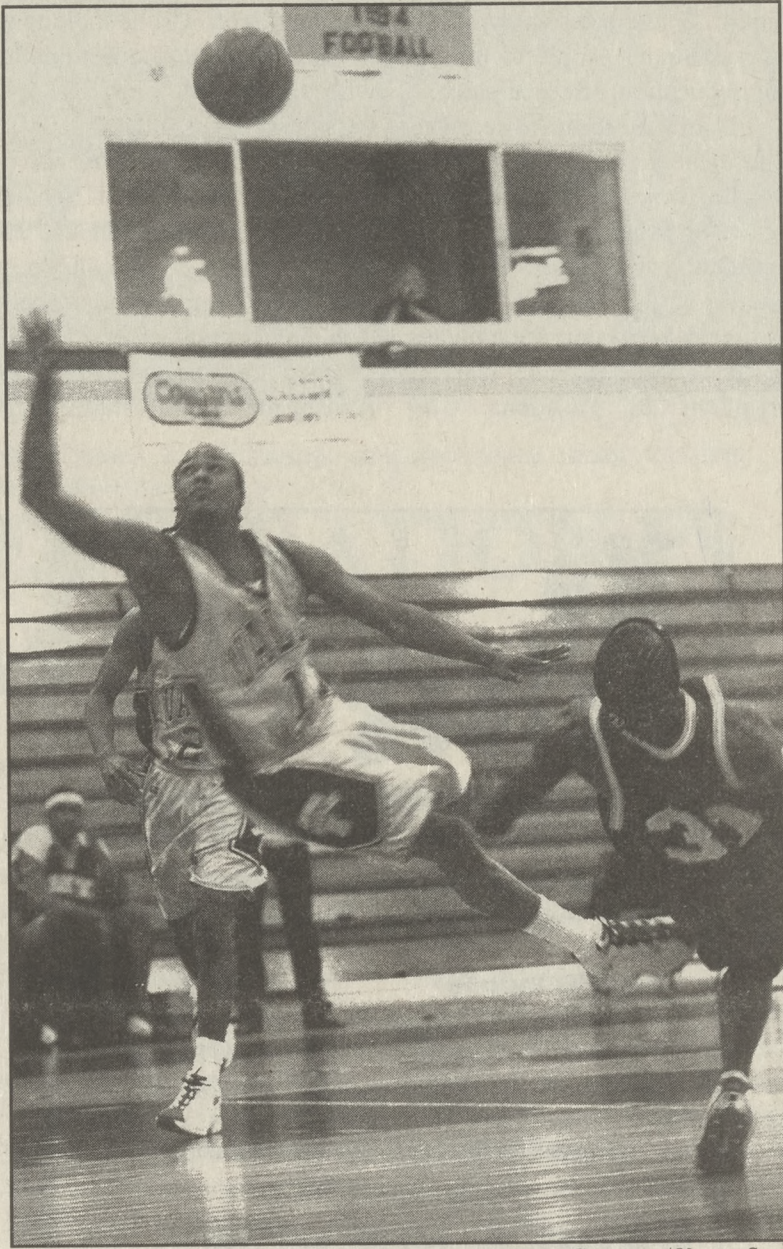
## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL PLAYOFFS

## Monarchs Advance to Second Round



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**TIP IN**-Monarch center Midwin Francis (33) tips in the ball in the first playoff game of the season against L.A. Trade Tech.



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**ANOTHER WILD SHOT**-Monarch guard Carlos Rivers (12) scored on this wild shot through Trade Tech's Stanton Williams (31).

By **BOB TEICHMANN**  
SPORTS EDITOR

The fifth-place ranked Monarchs displayed their rebounding power by defeating the 28th-ranked Trade Tech Beavers 71-63 and advanced to the second round of the Southern California Men's Basketball Playoffs tonight.

"Our players responded to everything Trade Tech gave us," Coach Doug Michelson said. "They're the best 9-20 team I've ever seen."

Having just been named the Western State Conference player of the year last week, Midwin Francis brought down six rebounds, scored 10 points and went four for four from the foul line.

The game opened with a Monarchs scoring rampage. Valley shot four of five from behind the arc and had three assists in the first 10 minutes.

Trade Tech responded in the final 10 minutes of the first half by shooting five of six from the foul line.

The combination of Valley's seven of 19 field goals and the Beavers' free

throw shooting led to the Monarchs' slim halftime lead of 32-31.

But the Monarchs fought back, landing eight of nine free throws in the second half, including four consecutive from two technical fouls in the final 10 seconds of the game.

The play of the game came with 1:37 remaining. Valley inbounded the ball with a 62-61 lead. Francis passed the ball to the waiting hands of Montell Duhon who landed a three-pointer with 1:30 left to give Valley a 65-61 lead.

"Everyone had lost faith at that point," Duhon said. "When that shot fell, it brought us back."

Trade Tech's night was finished when the assistant coach was issued a technical foul for insulting the referee. Valley made four critical free throws in the final 19 seconds.

With that win, the Monarchs advance to the second round of the playoffs Wednesday to host the 12th seeded LA Southwest College.

**MEN'S PLAYOFFS** Los Angeles Southwest ■ Tonight, 7 p.m.

## PRO SCORES

**L.A. Lakers @ Seattle Sonics (L 90-107)** 2/28/03

Kobe Bryant: 34 pts, 9 ast, 10-14 ft LAL Record: 31-26 overall, 7-3 in last 10

**L.A. Clippers vs. Houston Rockets (L 108-111)** 3/3/03

Quentin Richardson: 22 pts, 5 rb, 5-9 3pt LAC Record: 31-26 overall, 7-3 in last 10

**An. Mighty Ducks @ Atlanta Thrashers (L 1-4)** 3/2/03

Ruslan Salei: 1 goal, 1 pt, 100% spct. AN Record: 30-24-8-4

**L.A. Kings @ Atlanta Thrashers (W 4-1)** 3/1/03

Ziggy Palffy: 1 goal, 1 pt, 16.7% spct. LA Record: 28-29-4-4

**L.A. Dodgers @ St. Louis Cardinals (W 6-5)** 3/4/03

Home Runs: LA - Ron Coomer (2) off Mike Cradale in the 9th

## LAVC SCORES

**Men's Basketball @ Canyons (W 71-63)** 3/1/03

Midwin Francis: 10 pts, 4-4 ft, 6 rb Montell Duhon: 22 pts, 4-6 3pt, 3 rb

Javon Anderson: 15 pts, 9 rb Alex Cabagnot: 8 pts, 3-4 ft, 2 ast

**Baseball vs. Pierce (L 0-5)** 2/18/03

Anthony Mose: 1-2 (2 walks, single, run) Mike Seiser: 1-4 (single)

Anthony Chevrier: 2-4 (singles, HR, 2 RBI) Record: 0-11

## LAVC SCHEDULE

**Wednesday 3/5/03**

Men's Basketball vs. Southwest 7 p.m.  
Softball vs. Mission 2:30 p.m.

**Friday 3/7/03**

Women's Basketball vs. TBA 7 p.m.  
Track & Field @ Cuesta 2 p.m.

**Monday 3/10/03**

No Scheduled Games

**Thursday 3/6/03**

Baseball @ Santa Barbara 2 p.m.

**Saturday 3/8/03**

Baseball vs. Ventura 1 p.m.  
Men's Basketball vs. TBA 7 p.m.

**Tuesday 3/11/03**

Baseball @ Moorpark 2 p.m.  
Softball vs. Glendale 2:30 p.m.

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## IN THEIR OWN WORDS

"We have to be very intense and play as a team. We Will come out on top."

**Syretta Coleman,**  
Women's Basketball guard on her strategy for the Southern California Regional Playoffs.



Photo by Bob Teichmann

## NOTES

## NBA

Los Angeles Clippers' head coach Alvin Gentry was fired by the team Monday after two years with the team.

## MLB

Former San Francisco Giants' manager Dusty Baker has been named the National League head coach for the 2003 All-Star Game in Chicago.

## MLB

Former San Francisco Giants' manager Bobby Bonds was diagnosed with lung cancer. He is down to 180 pounds and must undergo at least six months of chemotherapy.

## 18th Annual Los Angeles Marathon Results

March 2, 2003

**Open Men's**  
2:09:52 Mark Yatich, Kenya  
**Masters Men's**  
2:34:33 E. Boche-Saban, US  
**Wheelchair Men's**  
1:27:07 Saul Mendoza, Mexico  
**Men 17 and Under**  
3:00:40 Jose Melena, Northridge  
**Men 18-24**  
2:11:12 Benson Mbithi, Kenya  
**Men 25-29**  
2:11:23 Charles Seronei, Kenya  
**Men 30-34**  
2:19:22 Patrick kaage, Kenya  
**Men 35-39**  
2:09:54 Stephen Ndungu, Kenya

**Open Women's**  
2:29:40 T. Pozdnyakova, Ukraine  
**Masters Women's**  
2:29:40 T. Pozdnyakova, Ukraine  
**Wheelchair Women's**  
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**Women 17 and Under**  
3:48:06 D. Macias, Huntington Park  
**Women 18-24**  
2:33:22 Z. Balciunaite, Lithuania  
**Women 25-29**  
2:35:44 L. Vassilevskaia, Russia  
**Women 30-34**  
2:30:18 L. Kortchaguina, Russia  
**Women 35-39**  
3:05:37 Edith Martinez, Brea



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**ONE MORE TIME**-Mexico's Saul Mendoza wins his sixth marathon.

## Vaqueros Straddle Monarchs; Losing Streak Reaches 11

By **ALEJANDRO GUZMAN**  
STAFF WRITER

The Monarchs baseball team lost 14-2 to the Glendale Vaqueros after a long and arduous game Saturday, dropping their current record to 0-11.

Pitcher Ryan Rycroft gave up a solo homer in the first inning to give the Vaqueros an early lead and conceded four more runs before being taken out in the fourth.

The Vaqueros managed to increase their lead to 10-0 by the end of the fifth. Valley's Edgar DelaCueva closed the game with two strikeouts and a fly ball and kept the Vaqueros from scoring, but the damage was done.

The Monarchs offense made no threat of scoring and Vaqueros pitcher John Conley barely broke a sweat, pitching to only 16 batters in five innings.

The Monarchs didn't score until the ninth when Anthony

Mose drew a walk and a home run by Anthony Chevrier brought him in. Three straight groundouts that followed brought the end of the game and Valleys 11th conference defeat this season. "We couldn't hit the ball well, our fundamentals weren't there either," Mose said.

Valleys head coach Chris Johnson said the team must make several improvements, including team unification.

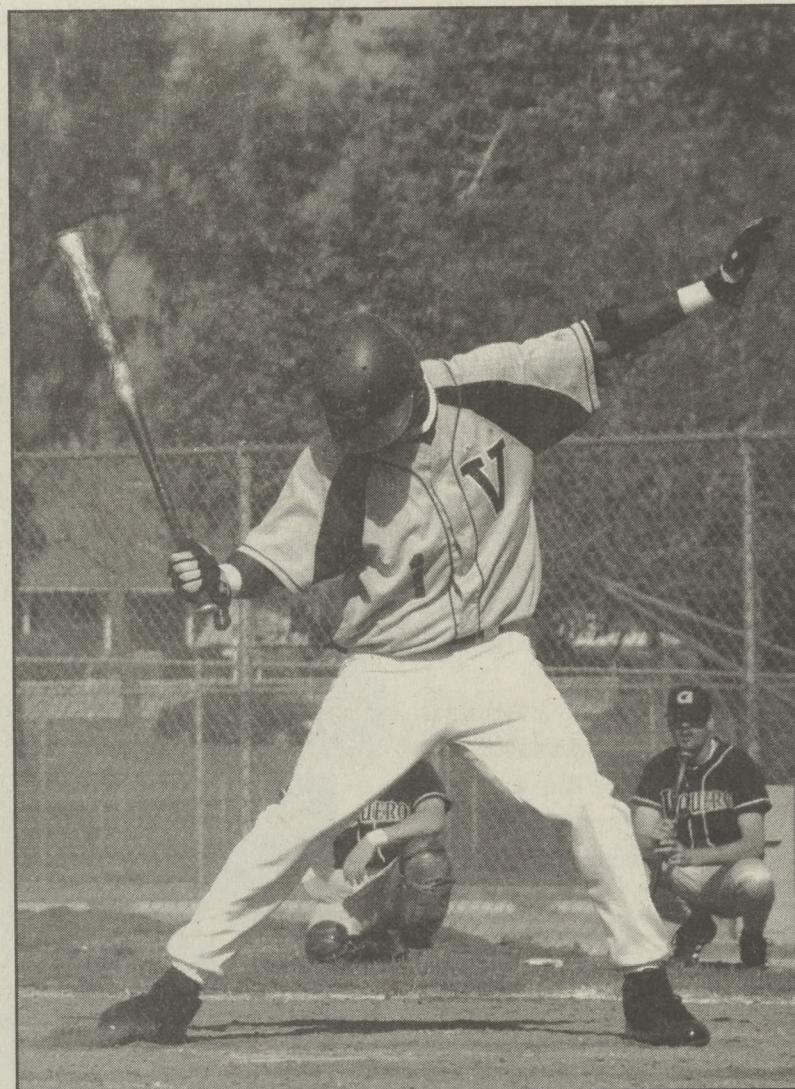
"Our team consists of mostly freshmen, they aren't learning from their mistakes," Johnson said. "All the different individuals on the team need to work together."

**3/1/03 Valley 2, Glendale 14**

1 Anthony Mose - 1 for 2 (2 walks, single, run)  
2 Jose de la Rosa - 0 for 3  
6 Mike Seiser - 1 for 4 (single)  
16 Keith Ash - 0 for 4  
22 Anthony Chevrier - 2 for 4 (single, HR, 2 RBI)  
26 Amador Galvez - 0 for 3  
29 Nevil Vega - 0 for 2 (2 walks)  
33 Corey Brown - 0 for 3  
35 Mike Bisson - 0 for 1

## Inning by Inning Score

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
PIERCE	1	2	2	4	1	2	1	1	0	14	15	0
VALLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	4	



SAMANTHA KUPPIG / VALLEY STAR

**UP TO BAT**-Anthony Mose readies himself at home plate at Saturday's game against the Glendale Vaqueros. Mose went 1 for 2.



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## NBA SCHEDULE

**Wednesday 3/5/03**

Matchup	TV	Time
New York Knicks @ Boston Celtics	none	4 p.m.
Atlanta Hawks @ Cleveland Cavaliers	none	4 p.m.
Milwaukee Bucks @ Orlando Magic	none	4 p.m.
Los Angeles Clippers @ Washington Wizards	none	4 p.m.
Houston Rockets @ Toronto Raptors	none	4 p.m.
Denver Nuggets @ Memphis Grizzlies	none	5 p.m.
Portland Trailblazers @ Phoenix Suns	none	6 p.m.
Minnesota Timberwolves @ Sacramento Kings	ESPN	6 p.m.
Seattle Supersonics @ Utah Jazz	none	6 p.m.
Indiana Pacers @ Los Angeles Lakers	Fox Sports Net	7:30 p.m.

**Thursday 3/6/03**

Matchup	TV	Time
New Jersey Nets @ San Antonio Spurs	TNT	4:30 p.m.
Golden State Warriors @ Chicago Bulls	TNT	5:30 p.m.
Philadelphia 76er's @ Portland Trailblazers	none	7 p.m.

**Friday 3/7/03**

Matchup	TV	Time
New York Knicks @ Orlando Magic	none	4 p.m.
Milwaukee Bucks @ Washington Wizards	none	4 p.m.
Los Angeles Clippers @ Boston Celtics	ESPN	5 p.m.
Dallas Mavericks @ Miami Heat	none	5 p.m.
Cleveland Cavaliers @ New Orleans Hornets	none	5:30 p.m.
Sacramento Kings @ Utah Jazz	none	6 p.m.
Minnesota Timberwolves @ Los Angeles Lakers	Fox Sports Net	7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia 76er's @ Seattle Supersonics	ESPN	7:30 p.m.

**Saturday 3/8/03**

Matchup	TV	Time
Toronto Raptors @ Atlanta Hawks	none	4 p.m.
Memphis Grizzlies @ Cleveland Cavaliers	none	4:30 p.m.
Denver Nuggets @ Miami Heat	none	5 p.m.
Los Angeles Clippers @ Chicago Bulls	KTLL 5, WGN	5:30 p.m.
Utah Jazz @ Dallas Mavericks	none	5:30 p.m.
New Jersey Nets @ Houston Rockets	none	5:30 p.m.
Golden State Warriors @ Milwaukee Bucks	none	5:30 p.m.
Indiana Pacers @ Portland Trailblazers	none	10 p.m.

**Sunday 3/9/03**

Matchup	TV	Time
Washington Wizards @ New York Knicks	ABC	10 a.m.
Philadelphia 76er's @ Los Angeles Lakers	ABC	12:30 p.m.
San Antonio Spurs @ Boston Celtics	none	3 p.m.
Golden State Warriors @ Detroit Pistons	none	3 p.m.
Denver Nuggets @ Orlando Magic	none	3 p.m.
Memphis Grizzlies @ Toronto Raptors	none	3 p.m.
New Jersey Nets @ New Orleans Hornets	none	4 p.m.
Minnesota Timberwolves @ Phoenix Suns	none	5 p.m.
Indiana Pacers @ Sacramento Kings	none	6 p.m.

**Monday 3/10/03**

Matchup	TV	Time
Los Angeles Clippers @ Atlanta Hawks	none	4:30 p.m.
Utah Jazz @ Miami Heat	none	4:30 p.m.
Minnesota Timberwolves @ Dallas Mavericks	none	5:30 p.m.

**Tuesday 3/11/03**

Matchup	TV	Time
Miami Heat @ Cleveland Cavaliers	none	4 p.m.
New Orleans Hornets @ Indiana Pacers	none	4 p.m.
Orlando Magic @ Washington Wizards	none	4 p.m.
Memphis Grizzlies @ New York Knicks	none	4:30 p.m.
San Antonio Spurs @ Milwaukee Bucks	none	5 p.m.
Los Angeles Lakers @ Chicago Bulls	KCAL 9, WGN	5:30 p.m.
Toronto Raptors @ Denver Nuggets	none	6 p.m.
Portland Trailblazers @ Seattle Supersonics	none	7 p.m.
Phoenix Suns @ Golden State Warriors	none	7:30 p.m.

## NHL SCHEDULE

**Wednesday 3/5/03**

Matchup	TV	Time
Tampa Bay Lightning @ Detroit Red Wings	none	4:30 p.m.
Colorado Avalanche @ Florida Panthers	none	4:30 p.m.
New Jersey Devils @ Calgary Flames	none	6 p.m.
Chicago Blackhawks @ Dallas Stars	ESPN 2	6 p.m.
Montreal Canadiens @ Anaheim Mighty Ducks	Fox Sports Net 2	7:30 p.m.

**Thursday 3/6/03**

Matchup	TV	Time
Toronto Maple Leafs @ Buffalo Sabres	none	4 p.m.
Atlanta Thrashers @ Washington Capitals	none	4 p.m.
Vancouver Canucks @ Columbus Blue Jackets	none	4 p.m.
Carolina Hurricanes @ Pittsburgh Penguins	none	4:30 p.m.
New York Islanders @ Boston Bruins	ESPN	5 p.m.
Phoenix Coyotes @ St. Louis Blues	ESPN	5 p.m.
Minnesota Wild @ Nashville Predators	none	5 p.m.
Edmonton Oilers @ Los Angeles Kings	Fox Sports Net	7:30 p.m.
Montreal Canadiens @ San Jose Sharks	none	7:30 p.m.

**Friday 3/7/03**

Matchup	TV	Time
Minnesota Wild @ Carolina Hurricanes	none	4 p.m.
Philadelphia Flyers @ New York Rangers	none	4 p.m.
St. Louis Blues @ Detroit Red Wings	none	4:30 p.m.
Colorado Avalanche @ Tampa Bay Lightning	none	4:30 p.m.
Florida Panthers @ Atlanta Thrashers	ESPN	4:30 p.m.
Calgary Flames @ Chicago Blackhawks	ESPN	5:30 p.m.
Nashville Predators @ Dallas Stars	none	5:30 p.m.
Edmonton Oilers @ Anaheim Mighty Ducks	Fox Sports Net 2	10:30 p.m.

**Saturday 3/8/03**

Matchup	TV	Time
Washington Capitals @ Boston Bruins	none	10 a.m.
New Jersey Devils @ New York Islanders	none	4 p.m.
Vancouver Canucks @ Toronto Maple Leafs	none	4 p.m.
Calgary Flames @ Columbus Blue Jackets	none	4 p.m.
Ottawa Senators @ Pittsburgh Penguins	none	4:30 p.m.
Buffalo Sabres @ Florida Panthers	none	4:30 p.m.
Colorado Avalanche @ Philadelphia Flyers	ESPN 2	5 p.m.
San Jose Sharks @ Phoenix Coyotes	none	6 p.m.
Montreal Canadiens @ Los Angeles Kings	Fox Sports Net	7 p.m.

**Sunday 3/9/03**

Matchup	TV	Time
Boston Bruins @ Chicago Blackhawks	none	12 p.m.
Minnesota Wild @ Atlanta Thrashers	none	12 p.m.
Buffalo Sabres @ Tampa Bay Lightning	none	2 p.m.
Detroit Red Wings @ Anaheim Mighty Ducks	ESPN 2	3 p.m.
San Jose Sharks @ Dallas Stars	none	4 p.m.
Pittsburgh Penguins @ Ottawa Senators	none	4 p.m.

**Monday 3/10/03**

Matchup	TV	Time
Columbus Blue Jackets @ Carolina Hurricanes	none	4 p.m.
Florida Predators @ New York Rangers	none	4 p.m.
Philadelphia Flyers @ Washington Capitals	none	4 p.m.
Montreal Canadiens @ Nashville Predators	none	5 p.m.
Toronto Maple Leafs @ Edmonton Oilers	none	6 p.m.
Detroit Red Wings @ Los Angeles Kings	Fox Sports Net	7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday 3/11/03**

Matchup	TV	Time
Boston Bruins @ Ottawa Senators	none	4 p.m.
Dallas Stars @ Columbus Blue Jackets	none	4 p.m.
Atlanta Thrashers @ New Jersey Devils	none	4:30 p.m.
Edmonton Oilers @ Calgary Flames	none	6 p.m.
New York Islanders @ Vancouver Canucks	none	7 p.m.
St. Louis Blues @ San Jose Sharks	none	7:30 p.m.

**Questions? Comments? Suggestions?**

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## Monarchs Run Strong in 18th Los Angeles Marathon

 By JAYSON ADDCOX  
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Valley College runners finished the 18th Los Angeles Marathon strong on a spectacular Sunday, despite cramping and fatigue in downtown.

On a day when more than 25,000 runners and walkers flooded the streets, so did Valley representatives. Coach Fernando Fernandez and students Damon Mendoza and Roberto Leonardo finished the 26.2-mile run in less than three and a half hours.

"We were lucky at the start of the race, we ended up in front of all the other runners so it wasn't too bad," Fernandez said.

Fernandez finished at 3:25 and said he felt great for about the first 18 miles.

"A little past the half-way point we were at 1:24, and at about the 18th mile we were at 1:59. After that it was all uphill. I started cramping that was it."

Fernandez, the head coach on the women's track team and assistant men's coach, also teaches at Olive Vista middle school. A group of middle and high school

students joined him at the marathon. "It's fun," he said of the 'Students Run L.A.' program he's involved with.

Mendoza struggled to the finish line with a time of 2:45.

"I did good, I improved my time by two minutes, but I wasn't impressed," he said.

Mendoza started great, but things took a turn for the worst at about the 20th mile, when cramps took him to the concrete.

"At the start I was doing good, I was going fast on pace for 2:30. Then at about the 20th mile I got cramps. I had to stop four times for thirty seconds. I went to the ground. I couldn't take any more pain. The cramps were bad."

Roberto Leonardo was the other Valley runner. He had the best time of the three, running the 26.2-mile race in 2:40.

Overall the guys were proud to be a part of the Los Angeles Marathon and they'll be back next year.

"Of course I'll run next year," Mendoza said. "And I'll improve my time."

*Bob Teichmann*
*an opinion*

## Phil Jackson Stoned?

How many of us have had surgery? Many of us, including me. What do we do when that happens? We take time off work, of course. But should the coach of the defending NBA champions do that?

For the first time in his illustrious career as an NBA head coach, Los Angeles Lakers "Zen Master" **Phil Jackson** took a break. For what? You guessed it: he was "stoned."

No, not the way you're thinking. Coach Jackson sat out three games last week to recover from minor surgery to remove a kidney stone.

With his nine NBA championships and his incredible work ethic, he's known simply as the "iron man" of all coaches, working every game and not asking for a day off.

In this case, his doctors forced a brief break on him. But was that wise? It was only three games, but it was enough to make the Lakers a little nervous.

During his time off, the Lakers won two of three, losing one in Seattle and snapping their six-game win streak. This may not seem like much to some people, but with the way the Lake-show has been unpredictable this season, there's no telling what could happen.

When Jackson is absent, things go sour. **Kobe Bryant's** streak of nine consecutive games shooting 40 or more points ended, leaving him tied with **Michael Jordan**.

While I have no doubt Kobe can and will surpass his gameplay from the last two months, I fear the Lakers will founder if they don't stay together as a unified championship team.

Did Coach Jackson have to sit out those games? Sure. Would the Lakers have benefited if he went to the games, *didn't* coach, but just sat there? Absolutely. The power of Phil's classic **granny booty** is unimaginable. Anybody who watched what he did in Chicago will tell you that.

The Lakers should know a good thing when it's here, not when it's gone. Jackson's contract is over after next season, and he said he'll only coach until he's 60 or so. Therefore, the team should use Jackson while he's there and not let him sit out just because he swallowed a grape before chewing it.

## Franchise Player

### Midwin Francis Prepares for a Post-Valley Life

 By BOB TEICHMANN  
 SPORTS EDITOR

After advancing to the second round of the playoffs, the Monarchs feel like things are going their way. Midwin Francis, the Western State Conference Player of the Year, is a big part of their current success.

A native of St. Lucis in the West Indies, the 20-year-old Midwin balances a full class schedule, a 25-hour work week and several hours of practice each day.

"Practice makes perfect," Francis said. "There's really no other way to train."

After earning a spot on the Monarchs' basketball team, his skills immediately earned the nickname "Franchise," derived from his last name.

Citing Indiana Pacers guard Reggie Miller as his favorite player growing up, Francis intends to be just as memorable.

"I've always wanted to play like him. I watched and just wondered how he could shoot like that."

After leaving Valley, Francis looks forward to spending his time training for University-level basketball.

"I really want to work out over the summer. I need to be stronger so I can prepare for the next level."

When all is said and done, Midwin Francis is a normal guy at the end of the day. When he's on the court, he's anything but normal.



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Photo by Bob Teichmann



## GALLERY

*CITY ON THE RUN*

**O**n a cold March morning, 22,000 athletes converged downtown to participate in the 18th annual City of Los Angeles Marathon. Runners from around the country and the world came to give their best and “walk” away with the first place prize. For some, just crossing the finish line was reward enough in itself. Others had to be helped across the line to get their medal to show that they ran the 26.2 miles. The first place winner in the mens’ category was Kenyan Mark Yatich with a time of 2:09:52.

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